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Cottenham First World War Hospital

take any portion of the land between the railings and the college buildings for a parking place.

They have reassured the college that they have no power to establish parking places on private property.

Soldiers and nurses come to tea – 1915

On Thursday last, at the invitation of Mr and Mrs P Papworth, of Westwick Hall, Cottenham, the wounded soldiers and nurses from Cottenham Red Cross Hospital were invited to tea at the hall.

There were about 100 present, including Dr R. Ellis from Swavesey, who is home for a short rest from the Dardanelles.

After tea, a very pleasant time was spent, Mr. H. Bedwell's concert party entertaining the company, and, at the close, cheers were given for Mr and Mrs Papworth.

Corn Exchange Kings of the road – 1907

Messrs King and Co are displaying a number of cycles and motorcycles at Cambridge Corn Exchange.

There is a 'Rex' motorcycle, which can be bought for 24 guineas – one of the cheapest on the market – and the 'King' bicycle with Crabbe brakes, Warwick tyres, Hyde free-wheel, Perry chain and Brooke's saddle, costs six guineas.

Standardisation of parts has indeed wrought a revolution in the cycle industry.

Cottage gifts from America – 1901

Mr Frederick Layton of Milwaukee, USA, a native of Lt Wilbraham who went to America in 1842, has just presented his village with a handsome gift in the shape of three cottages for aged poor persons which he has endowed with a sum of £2,000.

They are prettily situated at the west end of the village; each is comfortably furnished with living room, two bedrooms, pantry and coal place and has a nice garden of its own.

Mr Layton heard the house in which he was born was for sale and conceived the happy idea of pulling down the old premises and endowing the present cottages to be known as the "Mary Layton Cottages" in memory of his mother.

The Princess Royal at Ely

Royal visit to RAF hospital – 1956

THE Princess Royal visited Ely R.A.F. Hospital.

She toured the operating theatre, chapel, television room, library and wards, where she spoke to Mrs Eliza Bowles and Hilda Joyce of Ely.

In the children's ward, three small patients played contentedly with their toys; the youngest was three-year-old Geoffrey Beswick, son of a sergeant stationed at Upwood. When reporters entered, he called out 'Hello, mans. Look', holding up a rubber toy.

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Lady's sun blind hat chaos – 1904

SHOPKEEPERS are urged to ensure that their sun blinds are sufficiently high.

Two well-dressed ladies were passing along the footpath of a certain Cambridge thoroughfare and were shielding themselves from the glare of the sun beneath a parasol, when suddenly the sunshade was dragged from the lady's hand, and came in contact with the other lady's hat, with the result that the head gear was torn with considerable force from its resting place and fell upon the pavement.

The most unfortunate part of the whole affair was that, not only the hat but the hair, became enfastened and fell at the wearer's feet.

The lady looked what most men would have said.

Sun blinds on King's Parade circa 1886